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DCI EXECUTIVE ORDER DESIGNATING A SINGLE
COORDINATOR FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT
AND ENGINEERING (RD&E)

Objective

1. Research, development and engineering (RD&E) of new techniques and equipment for collecting, processing, and evaluating intelligence data is of vital importance to the CIA. So also is the contribution research and engineering can make to the communication and security of intelligence activities. In Fiscal Year 1967, we expect that [REDACTED] of the CIA budget will be spent on the RD&E activities which are now conducted in the four directorates. We must be assured that our RD&E efforts are truly responsive to the total needs of CIA and that scientific and engineering advances are promptly exploited. The need for a consolidated RD&E program for CIA is increasingly apparent in order to improve Agency performance in this vital area. The consolidation of our programs can also provide increased efficiency in the utilization of our limited manpower and funds, and preclude duplication in contracts and fragmentation of effort.

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Tasks

1. The RD&E Coordinator will review, coordinate and consolidate an inclusive Agency RD&E plan on a schedule consistent with the O/PPB schedule, and prepare recommendations on the topic, mission, scope of work priority and allocation of funds for Agency RD&E activities.

2. Review all proposed RD&E expenditures and concur or make appropriate recommendations on these actions.

3. Monitor the progress of RD&E programs.

4. Stimulate the incorporation and utilization of technology to Agency requirements.

5. Promote the exchange of RD&E information among Agency components.

6. Encourage the use of uniform RD&E procedures within the Agency.

Principles

1. The Agency Coordinator for RD&E shall have full access to all Agency programs, both proposed and actual.

2. The Agency Coordinator will observe appropriate security measures consistent with the practices of the various Directorates and take special steps, as may be necessary, to protect the

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aggregate information developed.

Procedures

1. The Agency R&D Coordinator shall be a Special Assistant, with an appropriate staff, assigned to the Office of the DD/S&T.
2. The Agency Coordinator for RD&E will review both plans and proposed expenditures prior to their submission to Deputy Directors. If the Coordinator concurs, the plans or proposed expenditures may be forwarded directly to the Deputy Directors or returned to the originating offices for forwarding. If the Agency Coordinator does not concur, acceptable revisions will be developed with the originating offices, and in those instances in which this cannot be done resolution will be made by the Deputy Directors; any ^{not resolved} ~~unresolved~~ items here will be referred to the DDCL. In those cases where agreement is not reached, the Agency Coordinator or the DD/S&T, as appropriate, will prepare comments and recommendations which will be forwarded along with the proposed plan or expenditure papers.